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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending November 2, 2003, favorable harvest conditions continued and excellent progress was made until late in the week, according to USDA’s Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Corn and sorghum grain harvest gained momentum last week as soybean harvest neared completion. Some producers moved cattle to stalk fields as they became available, while other producers were baling crop residue.

Weather Summary: Temperatures averaged from normals to 7 degrees below normals for the week. Precipitation was scattered and light across the state with largest amounts in the southeast. Amounts ranged to 0.75 inches.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending November 2, 2003				
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Topsoil				
Very Short	30	34	15	18
Short	44	42	25	30
Adequate	26	24	56	50
Surplus	0	0	4	2
Subsoil				
Very Short	45	49	50	31
Short	43	39	30	29
Adequate	12	12	20	40
Surplus	0	0	0	0
Days Suitable	6.3	6.8	1.9	4.8

Field Crops Report: Corn harvest made excellent progress and reached 82 percent, ahead of last year at 63 and the same as average.

Soybean harvest was nearing completion with 98 percent of the acreage combined, ahead of last year at 89 and average at 95.

Sorghum harvest progressed with 85 percent completed, ahead of last year at 75 but slightly behind average at 87.

Wheat condition declined last week and rated 3 percent very poor, 14 poor, 42 fair, 34 good, and 7 excellent, below last year and average.

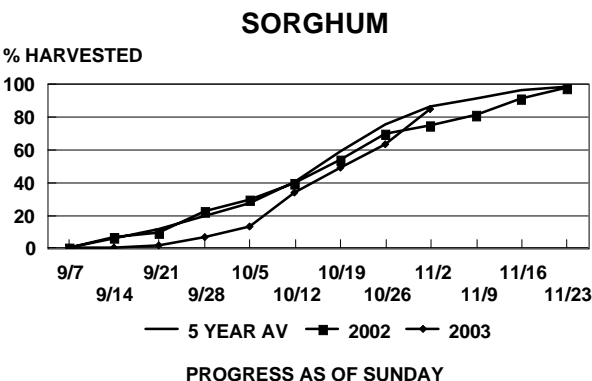
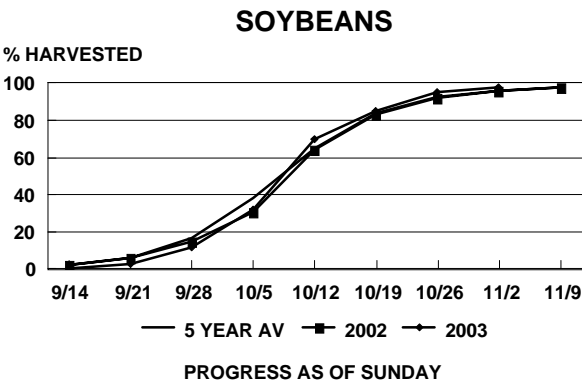
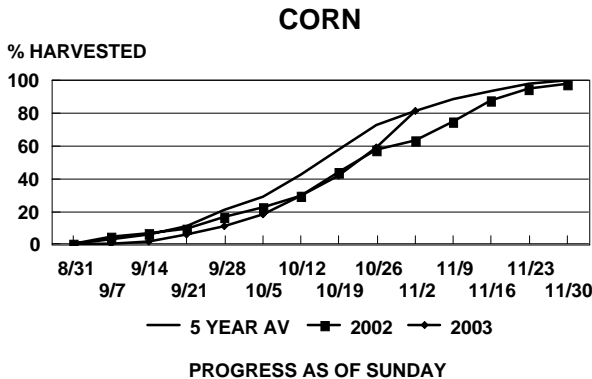
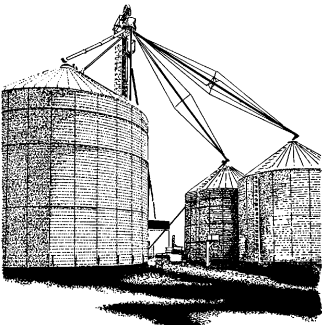
The last alfalfa condition rating for the season showed 13 percent very poor, 18 poor, 36 fair, 28 good, and 5 excellent.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending November 2, 2003				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
<i>Percent</i>				
Corn Harvested	82	59	63	82
Soybeans Harvested	98	95	89	95
Sorghum Harvested	85	64	75	87

Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending November 2, 2003					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<i>Percent</i>					
Wheat	3	14	42	34	7
Alfalfa	13	18	36	28	5

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range condition rated 31 percent very poor, 29 poor, 30 fair, 10 good, and 0 excellent, above last year but below average. Cattle continued to be moved to stalk fields as they became available.

This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts_cur.htm



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Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.17	.08	.04	.05	.15	.04	.08	.49
Total since April 1	12.45	13.88	21.17	17.02	20.88	15.16	17.04	23.80
Normal since April 1	13.92	17.98	21.19	19.78	23.34	16.69	19.86	24.54
Total as % of normal	89%	77%	100%	86%	89%	90%	85%	97%

**Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,
Week Ending Sunday, November 2, 2003**

Station		Temperature			
		Extremes		Average	Departure
		High	Low		
NW	Alliance	75	19	37	-5
	Scottsbluff	77	21	40	-2
	Sidney	82	20	40	-3
NC	Ainsworth	71	25	39	-4
	Arthur	80	22	39	-4
	O'Neill	69	26	40	-5
NE	Concord	62	24	38	-7
	Elgin	70	25	40	-5
	West Point	68	27	40	-6
C	Grand Island	76	31	43	-2
	Lexington	83	30	45	0
	Ord	77	30	43	-2
EC	Lincoln	72	32	44	-4
	Central City	74	29	43	-3
	Mead	71	28	42	-5
SW	Champion	87	28	43	-1
	North Platte	85	28	43	-1
	Curtis	85	28	44	0
SC	Arapahoe	81	24	40	-3
	Minden	78	31	44	-1
	Red Cloud	76	29	45	-1
SE	Beatrice	72	31	45	-3
	Clay Center	74	28	43	-3
	Nemaha	72	32	45	-4

Source: High Plains Climate Center.

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